

California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program

Q: How much money can I get each year for school?

A: You can receive *up to* the following amounts for the 2009-2010 academic year:

- \$7,788 at the University of California or a nonpublic institution (per Cal Grant A)
- \$4,026 at California State University (per Cal Grant A)
- Graduate studies: up to the maximum amount of Cal Grant A + \$500 for books and supplies [per section 69999.18 (c)]
- \$1,551 at Community College (per Cal Grant B)

The maximum amounts reflect the annotated Cal Grant awards. Cal Grant maximum amounts are refigured annually and subject to change.

Q: Are Cal Grant A and B dollar amounts per semester, or per year?

A: The amounts are for one school year.

Q: Are the awards granted each semester, or will I have a year's (2 semesters) worth of eligibility? If so, what if I only want to be enrolled for 1 semester?

A: Awards are granted once a year for each applicant. If you plan on taking class(es) for only one semester during the year, you can still apply and use your awarded amount for the courses you decide to attend.

Eligibility

Q: I've been in the California National Guard for over 4 years, but I live in Nevada. Does this affect my eligibility for the CNGEAAP?

A: Yes, only residents of California are eligible for awards.

Application Process

Q: What is UIC/PAS?

A: A UIC is a Unit Identification Code (6 characters) in the Army, and PAS is a Personnel Accounting Symbol (8 characters) in the Air Force. Both codes are specific to your unit of assignment. If you do not know this code, you should call your unit.

Q: I am part of the State Military Reserve. We do not have a UIC. What should I do?

A: In the application field for the UIC/PAS, type eight 0s and continue.

Institutions

Q: My institution is not listed on the application. How can my institution be added to the list of eligible institutions?

A: Contact your institution's veteran's benefits coordinator or the financial aid office. They can contact Adeline Espinosa at 916-464-6467 or AEspinos@csac.ca.gov.

Q: When will my institution receive payment?

A: This depends on the agreement made between your institution's financial aid office and the California Student Aid Commission. Contact your institution's financial aid office for more details.